

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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STATUS OF NEW RAILWAY LINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of works in respect of new railway lines announced in the Rail Budget 2012-13; and
- (b) the time by which construction work on these railway lines are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a): During the Railway Budget 2012-13, five new line projects have been included. Preliminary activities like preparation of plans and estimates have been taken up on all the projects.

(b): Railways have huge throwforward of projects and limited availability of resources. As a result, projects are progressing as per availability of resources. As on 01.04.2012, railways require about Rs.1.47 lakh crores for completing ongoing New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects.

Railway projects have a long gestation period. The targets for projects are generally fixed on yearly basis based on availability of resources, progress made, and consequently, projects get completed in phases. The projects which are in advance stage of completion are given priority for resource allocation to get maximum benefit of the investment.